

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-14 (Canceled).

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): The radial tire with the circumferentially wound belt layer as set forth in Claim ~~[[14]]~~ 19, wherein the belt ~~cord~~ cord in the spirally wound belt layer includes a hybrid ~~cord~~ cord having a nylon fiber bundle as a core and also includes an aramid fiber bundle twisted therearound.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): The radial tire with the circumferentially wound belt layer as set forth in Claim ~~[[14]]~~ 19, wherein the belt ~~cord~~ cord in the spirally wound belt layer includes a multi-strand steel ~~cord~~ cord of twisted plural steel strands.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): The radial tire with the circumferentially wound belt layer as set forth in Claim ~~[[14]]~~ 19, wherein the belt ~~cord~~ cord in the spirally wound belt layer includes a waved steel ~~cord~~ cord made by giving a waving processing to a steel ~~cord~~ cord of twisted plural steel filaments.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): A radial tire having a body ply extending from a tread section to sidewall sections and turned up over bead cores of bead sections to have turned-up portions at both sides thereof; a belt layer wound on an outer circumference of the body ply in a tire circumferential direction; a tread circumferentially wound on an outer circumference of the belt layer; and bead fillers extending from the bead cores radially outward between the sidewall sections and the turned-up portions of the body ply,

wherein:

the belt layer comprises at least one spirally wound belt layer in which one or plural belt cords coated with rubber are arranged to be spirally wound substantially in parallel with the tire circumferential direction; and

the belt cord in the spirally wound belt layer has a property that an increase rate of tensile load to stretch rate is small in a range of a predetermined stretch rate or less but is large in another range exceeding the predetermined stretch rate, and wherein the belt cord in the spirally wound belt layer has a property that the stretch rate is equal to or greater than 0.5 % at tensile load of 20 N, and wherein the tensile load is equal to or greater than 60 N at stretch rate of 3 % of the tensile load or is equal to or greater than 30 N at the stretch rate of 1.5 % ~~The radial tire with the circumferentially wound belt layer as set forth Claim 14,~~ wherein:

the body ply is arranged to be at least one layer;

body ply ~~cords~~ cords in the body ply are inclined at an angle in the range of 85 to 90 degrees relative to the circumferential direction; and

the belt layer arranged on the outer circumference of the body ply comprises ~~[[an]]~~ only a single oblique belt layer, wherein in which belt cords in said single oblique layer of said belt layer are made of steel and are arranged to be as one layer and to be inclined at an angle in the range of 10 to 40 degrees relative to the circumferential direction, and wherein at least one spirally wound belt layer in which a belt ~~cord~~ cord is arranged to be spirally wound on an outer circumference of the single oblique belt layer is arranged substantially in parallel with the tire circumferential direction.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): A radial tire having a body ply extending from a tread section to sidewall sections and turned up over bead cores of bead sections to have turned-up portions at both sides thereof; a belt layer wound on an outer circumference of the

body ply in a tire circumferential direction; a tread circumferentially wound on an outer circumference of the belt layer; and bead fillers extending from the bead cores radially outward between the sidewall sections and the turned-up portions of the body ply,

wherein:

the belt layer comprises at least one spirally wound belt layer in which one or plural belt cords coated with rubber are arranged to be spirally wound substantially in parallel with the tire circumferential direction; and

the belt cord in the spirally wound belt layer has a property that an increase rate of tensile load to stretch rate is small in a range of a predetermined stretch rate or less but is large in another range exceeding the predetermined stretch rate, and wherein the belt cord in the spirally wound belt layer has a property that the stretch rate is equal to or greater than 0.5 % at tensile load of 20 N, and wherein the tensile load is equal to or greater than 60 N at stretch rate of 3 % of the tensile load or is equal to or greater than 30 N at the stretch rate of 1.5 % ~~The radial tire with the circumferentially wound belt layer as set forth Claim 14,~~

wherein:

the body ply is arranged to be at least one layer;

body ply ~~cords~~ ~~edges~~ of the body ply are inclined at an angle in the range of 85 to 90 degrees relative to the circumferential direction; and

the belt layer arranged on the outer circumference of the body ply comprises two oblique belt layers in which belt ~~cords~~ ~~edges~~ made of steel are arranged to be inclined in the same direction at the ~~same~~ angle in the range of 30 to 60 degrees or in the range of 40 to 50 degrees relative to the circumferential direction and at least one spirally wound belt layer in which a belt ~~cord~~ ~~edge~~ made of a hybrid ~~edge~~ cord is coated with rubber and is arranged ~~ranged~~ to be spirally wound on outer circumferences of the oblique belt layers substantially in parallel with the tire circumferential direction; and

of the two oblique belt layers, one oblique belt layer is in the range of 40 to 70 % of the other oblique belt layer in width and is circumferentially arranged at a center portion in a direction of the radial tire width.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): The radial tire with the circumferentially wound belt layer as set forth in Claim 19, wherein:

an organic fiber cord ~~code~~ made of a hybrid cord ~~code~~ is coated with rubber and arranged to be spirally wound between the oblique belt layers and the outer circumference of the body ply substantially in parallel with the circumferential direction thereby to form a ply under the oblique belt layers; and

the organic cord ~~code~~ in the ply under the oblique belt layers is arranged to be densified at shoulder portions on side edges in the direction of the radial tire width and to be loose at a center portion.

Claim 21 (Currently Amended): The radial tire with the circumferentially wound belt layer as set forth in Claim 19, wherein a ply under the oblique belt layers is composed of:

a waved steel cord ~~code~~ coated with rubber and arranged to be spirally wound and to be densified between the oblique belt layers and the outer circumference of the body ply at shoulder portions on side edges in the direction of the radial tire width substantially in parallel with the circumferential direction; and

an organic fiber cord ~~code~~ made of a hybrid cord ~~code~~ coated with rubber and arranged to be spirally wound and to be loose between the oblique belt layers and the outer circumference of the body ply at the center portion substantially in parallel with the circumferential direction.

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): The radial tire with the circumferentially wound belt layer as set forth in Claim 19, wherein:

a cord ~~code~~ which is small in the increase rate of tensile load to stretch rate in the range of a predetermined stretch rate or less but is large in the increase rate of the tensile load in another range exceeding the predetermined stretch rate is coated with rubber and is arranged to be spirally wound between the oblique belt layers and the outer circumference of the body ply substantially in parallel with the circumferential direction thereby to form a ply under the oblique belt layers; and

the cord ~~code~~ in the ply under the oblique belt layers is arranged to be densified at shoulder portions on side edges in the direction of the radial tire width and at a center portion, but to be loose at a portion between each shoulder portion and the center portion.

Claim 23 (Currently Amended): The radial tire with the circumferentially wound belt layer as set forth in Claim 22, wherein:

a cord ~~code~~ which is small in the increase rate of tensile load to stretch rate in the range of a predetermined stretch rate or less but is large in the increase rate of the tensile load in another range exceeding the predetermined stretch rate is coated with rubber and is arranged to be spirally wound between the spirally wound belt layer and the oblique belt layers substantially in parallel with the circumferential direction thereby to form a ply under the spirally wound belt layer; and

the cord ~~code~~ in the ply under the spirally wound belt layer is arranged to be densified at shoulder portions on side edges in the direction of the radial tire width and at a center portion, but to be loose at the portion between each shoulder portion and the center portion.

Claim 24 (Cancelled).

Claim 25 (Previously Presented): The radial tire with the circumferentially wound belt layer as set forth in Claim 19, wherein both side ends of the spirally wound belt layer cover both side ends of the oblique belt layers.